

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 44TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE CORPS AND IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL PEACE CORPS WEEK

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of National Peace Corps Week and to congratulate the 7,700 Peace Corp Volunteers—including 30 of my constituents—who are serving their country today in 72 countries around the world.

More than 178,000 Peace Corps Volunteers have served in 138 countries since the organization's inception in 1961. Every year, thousands of selfless volunteers share their time and talents by serving as teachers, business advisors, information technology consultants, health and HIV/AIDS educators, and youth and agriculture workers.

Over 3,100 volunteers work directly or indirectly on HIV/AIDS prevention and education activities throughout the world, and support efforts in 10 of the 15 focus countries in the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.

I praise our nation's Peace Corps volunteers who serve their country and the world as humanitarians, devoting themselves to transferring life-changing knowledge and skills to the people of other nations.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the hundreds of thousands of men and women of this nation who have selflessly served abroad as Peace Corps Volunteers. On this 44th Anniversary of the Peace Corps, I am especially proud to represent 30 such volunteers and I offer them my sincere gratitude.

IN RECOGNITION OF BROWARD COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR, MS. JASMINE DEBOO

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Jasmin Deboo, who was awarded Broward County, Florida's Teacher of the Year. Ms. Deboo has dedicated her life to her 5th Grade students at Deerfield Beach Elementary School for the last 11 years.

Ms. Deboo's dedication to her students is quite apparent. She has gone above and beyond the average duties of a teacher by taking on the roles of a surrogate parent and that of counselor helping children deal with personal problems. This style of leadership has allowed Ms. Deboo to become a role model for not only her students, but also for other teachers at her school. Ms. Deboo is a person who has had a positive impact on all those lucky enough to be around her.

Today, we recognize Jasmin Deboo for her accomplishments and her dedication to the students of Broward County, Florida. I congratulate Ms. Deboo on being named the 2005 Broward County Teacher of the Year.

A TRIBUTE TO THE FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE OF PASADENA

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena, California. During the months of February and March, the First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary.

The church began in 1905 and was led by Founding Pastor Dr. John W. Goodwin with 54 members that met in each others' homes. As the congregation grew, the church moved to Mary Street in 1906, then Raymond Avenue, Mountain Street, and finally Sierra Madre Boulevard, where it resides today. Today the church has over 2000 members, which includes a congregation with nine different cultural backgrounds.

First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena had several notable Pastors, including Pastor James Dobson, Founder and Chairman of Focus on the Family, and his wife Shirley, who were members for over thirty years. Other Pastors were J.W. Ellis, Earl G. Lee, H.B. London, Dr. Stephen Green, Dr. Jeff Crosno and the current Pastor, Jay Ahlemann.

The church has many programs that serve the community. The Compassionate Ministries program consists of: Helping Hands—a food and clothing facility on the church campus, Church in the Park—service to the homeless on Sunday mornings, El Centro Trabajo—an advocacy organization for day laborers, and a South Central Los Angeles food distribution center. Compassionate Ministries fed and clothed more than 22,000 people last year.

Other programs include PrimeTime which provides fellowship for seniors and Loveline, a phone ministry for homebound seniors. In His Image serves families of special needs children on a weekly basis, providing Sunday School classes, parent connections and support groups, respite events for the parents, an all-inclusive sports program for the entire family, and special events like the Special Olympics Unified Basketball event, San Gabriel Valley Region. Parent Education Seminars, Support Groups through the Recovery Ministries, Sunday School, Sunrise Preschool and Academy of the Arts are also among the many services that the First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena offers to its members and the community.

I am proud to recognize the First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena for its 100 years of offering a place of loving care and joyous worship to the people of the San Gabriel Valley and I ask all Members to join me in congratulating the congregation for their remarkable achievements.

HONORING ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating

Rotary International on celebrating its 100th anniversary. On Saturday, February 26, the Rotary Clubs of Genesee, Shiawasee and Lapeer Counties will celebrate this milestone with a Centennial Gala to be held at Genesys Banquet Center in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905, is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 31,000 Rotary Clubs located in 166 countries. In Rotary Area Seven, which includes my district, there are almost 600 members making the commitment to address community and international issues.

Rotarians are committed to the motto "Service Above Self" and to "The Four-Way Test" of business ethics, a philosophy that encourages truth, fairness, goodwill, and mutual benefit in all professional actions.

The Four-Way Test:

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?

4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

They support efforts to provide educational opportunities and to meet basic human needs because these efforts are essential steps to greater world understanding, goodwill, and peace. The founding of Rotary International encouraged the creation and expansion of service clubs in the 20th century, and these service clubs generated a formalized spirit of community volunteerism throughout the United States and the world.

The PolioPlus program, created by Rotary International to fight the dreaded disease, has helped to vaccinate more than two billion children. They are the only nongovernmental organization to join in partnership with the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to achieve the goal of the total eradication of polio in 2005. Their work is an outstanding and noteworthy humanitarian effort by a nonprofit organization.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Rotary International on celebrating its 100th anniversary. As a Rotary Club fellowship beneficiary, I can attest to the unwavering support they give to the community and applaud their involvement in the State of Michigan and beyond.

RECOGNIZING VIRGINIA AND SAMUEL RICHARDSON DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. MARTIN OLAV SABO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to take part in the celebration of Black History Month by recognizing distinguished civil and human rights leaders from the state of Minnesota: Virginia and Samuel Richardson.

Samuel Richardson was born in Longview, Texas where he lived until he enrolled in Morehouse College. He moved to Minnesota in 1950 and immediately joined the local branch of the NAACP.